Mrs. Daphne Sullivan
1011 North Garden Ave.
Dayton, Ohio.
45431.

March 24, 1975

Emmaline Fairbanks Library,
222 N. 7th St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana
47807.

Dear Sir,

We are trying to do some research on members of our family, and since the birth records in your county don't go back far enough it has been suggested that we write your library and request that a check be made of the censur records for the period in question.

not in cemetery Records Vigo Co.
" " Marriage Licenses 1818-1850

We are looking for any information on the family of:

Elinda Cottrell probably born about 1849 in Ireland.

She was married in Terre Haute 7 Sept 1869 to Florance L. Sullivan
Her father was W.M. Cotterill
Her mother was Mary Long

Her Cousin William H. Cotterill
Born 21 Nov 1880 in Terre Haute.

We are enclosing a check for $5.00 since we are not sure what the fee for such a search may be.

Thanks for any help you may be able to give.

Sincerely.
Mrs. Daphne Sullivan

From 1867 VC directory (reverse) Troy Census

Sullivan – Fontanet

W.M. Cottrell – Atherton

of 1870.

not in 1870 Census

Isaac Cottrell Atherton

1882 directory

1883 Mary Cottrell (wid Wm) 9 2 3 n 4

1880 31 n 11 Mary

appears in city directory 1884

935 So 2d

reverse Twp 1880 PRC

Sarah M. Sullivan 52 38 daughter b. in Ind. Fa born in Ky dau Mo. in Ky

I

1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Ind County: Parke Town Dist 85 Township: Page 585

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
418	Thomas Cottrell	53	M		Farmer	600	NC				
	Lydia "	42	F				SC				
	Cottrell	22	M		"		Tenn				
	Treyon L	17	M				Ind				
	Harrison	13	M				"				
	Marshall	9	M				"				
	Calaway	7	M				"				
	Henry C	2	M				"				
476	Fenton, Sophia	63	F				Va				
	William Cottrell	22	M				Md or Ind				
	Mary "	21	F				Md " "				
477	Samuel Cottrell	23	M		Farmer		Tenn				(P 590)
	Susannah	22	F				Md				"
186	Joshua Cottrell	49	M		"		NC				"
	Elizabeth "	44	F				NC				"
487	James W. Cottrell	32	M		"		Tenn				
	Malala "	10	F				Ind				

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1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Ind County: Parke Town Dist 85 Township: Page

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
87	Zachariah	7	M				Ind				P 595
	Samuel	5	M				"				
	Isaac	4	M				"				
	Rebecca	3	F				"				
	Inky	1	M				"				
90	John Cottrell	28	M		Farmer		Ten				
	Bartley "	22	M		"		Ten				
	Isaac "	17	M		"		Ind				
	Samuel	2	M				"				
	Bartley	1	M				"				
	Pelinath	27	F				Ky				
93	Rachel Kilgore	46	F				Pa				
	Isabel "	25	F				Ind				
	Jennett	20	M		Farmer	800	Ind				
	Eliza J	16	F				"				
	Montgomery	8	M				"				

1880 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Indiana County: Vigo Town-City: Otter Creek Twp.

Film No. ____ Page No. 7 Enumeration Date Dist # 196 June 3 1880

Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in 1880	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Misc. Info.	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Remarks
54	Cottrell, Isaac	W	M	47				1				Farmer			Ind	Tenn	Tenn	
	" Lucina	W	F	37		wife		1				keeping house			Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	
	" Jackson	W	M	19		Son	1					Farmer			Ind	Ind	"	
	Elizabeth A	W	F	16		dau	1					no occ			"	"	"	
	" Ida M	W	F	14		dau	1					" "			"	"	"	
	" Daniel	W	M	12		Son	1					" "			"	"	"	
	" Frederick	W	M	10		"						" "			"	"	"	
	" Burt	W	M	1		"						" "			"	"	"	
	Ward, Andrew	W	M	24		servant						Farm Hand			"	Ohio	Penn	
	Dolton Family	Colored																

Cottrell Family

Carol Stephens
10225 West Layton Drive
Littleton CO 80127

October 5, 1995

The Historical Society forwarded your letter to the Vigo County Public Library, as they no longer do genealogical research.

I am enclosing a research report indicating the sources I checked on the Cottrells.

History of Vigo and Parke County by Beckwith has a biographical sketch on Samuel L. Cottrell in the Parke county section. He was born 1826 in Knox county Tennessee and came to Parke county when 4 years old. His father was Joshua and his grandfather was John. They lived in Florida twp. which is next to Otter Creek twp., Vigo county. Joshua did buy a farm in Otter Creek, and later this became Samuel's.

We do have a surname file on the Cottrells. It contains three letters inquiring about the Cottrells, but this was in 1974, 1975, and 1977. I don't know if these addresses are still correct. Daphne Sullivan, 1011 North Garden Ave., Dayton OH 45431; Mrs. Robert E. Lester, R.R. 1, Prairie City, IA 50228; Mrs. Charles R. Cottrell, 828 George St., Valparaiso IN 46383.

These Cottrells also appear in the 1850 and 1860 censuses. Census copies are 15¢ each, plus postage to mail them.

I am also including a brochure that gives an overview of our collection.

You inquired about our early settlers. Books in Special Collections are not available for loan, but we do have some circulating copies in the General Collections. You could go to your interlibrary loan dept. and have them request Vigo county history books that are circulating.

Mary-Margaret Iacoli
Special Collections

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47807

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One Library Square
Terre Haute IN 47807

DATE: October 5, 1995

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Cottrell

in response to your request of Sep. 18, 1995.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
   Did not find _____ Found _____

2. Surname File:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ Biographical sketch of Samuel Cottrell, Parke/Vigo history, Letters from Daphne Sullivan, Mrs Robt Lester, Chas Cottrell dated 97 ff, 75 and 77

3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ Delbert, Eliza, Elizabeth Alice and Isaac

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
   Did not find _____ Found Cottrell, Emerson / Akers Maria / 5-19-1842

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found Many, many Cottrells / 2 pgs in indx

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ c. 20 entries in indx

7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.): STONE READINGS OF SMALLER CEMETERIES
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ Marble Cemetery (otter Creek twp)

9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
   Did not find _____ Found Earl - (1958) Marvin (1931) Melbin Hans (1956) Curtiss (1936)

10. Census Index for the year _____:
    Did not find _____ Found _____

Other: (also check other side)

10225 West Layton Drive
Littleton, CO 80127
September 18, 1995

Vigo County Historical Society
1411 South 6th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

To Whom It May Concern:

In your store of historical information on Vigo County, do you have information concerning the Cottrell family (Otter Creek Township)? I am descended from this family. Answers to the following questions would greatly help me:

1) Do you have any compiled family histories in your society's library that refer to the Cottrell family?

2) Can you suggest members of your historical society or any residents of Vigo County who may be interested in exchanging information about the Cottrell family?

I am interested in learning about the history of the early settlers of Vigo County. Do you have some publications concerning this?

A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Carol Stephens

Carol Stephens

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 19, 1975

COTTRELL Family

Mrs. Daphne Sullivan
1011 North Garden Ave.
Dayton, Ohio
45431

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Sorry to have been so long answering your letter, but making checks of census records is very time consuming.

The 1887 Vigo County Directory lists a W. M. Cottrell living at Atherton, in Otter Creek Township. The 1882 Directory lists Isaac Cottrell at Atherton. The Terre Haute City Directory of 1883 lists a Mary Cottrell (wid. Wm) living at 923 N. 4th. In 1880, Mary Cottrell lived at 31 N. 11th. She also appears in city dorectory of 1884, at 935 So 2nd.

The only Cottrell I found listed in the 1870 Census was Isaac Cottrell, and I am enclosing a copy of that page.

Our Marriage Records of Vigo County list only those that occurred between the dates of 1818 - 1850, and there is a blank until 1882. I did not find any of the names in the Cemetery Records of Vigo County.

There were several families of Cottrell in Otter Creek township in 1880 Census of Vigo County. I am enclosing a copy of a page from that census, but I found little to help you. There was a Sarah Sullivan, aged 52, who lived with her daughter Sarah E. Sullivan, aged 30, in Nevins Twp, both were born in Indiana, but the father was born in Kentucky, so I suppose that is not the same family .

I found nothing on Elinda Cottrell or Florance L. Sullivan.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

Recently, I had a letter from at Charles Cottrell, who lives at 828 George St., Valparaiso, Ind. 46383, in case you might want to correspond with him. He was interested in Isaac A. Cottrell.

222 N. 7TH STREET, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47801 • PHONE 812-232-5041 • TELETYPE 810-356-2100

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 12, 1977

Mrs. Robert E. Lester
Prairie City, Iowa
RR#1 50228

Dear Mrs. Lester:

I found some information on the Cottrell family in Beckwith's History of Vigo and Parke Counties, which I copied for you. The book was published in Chicago, by Hill and Iddings in 1880. I found several members of the family listed in the Census of 1850 for Parke County, but Isaac was not listed, nor was he in the Census of Vigo County, Otter Creek Township in 1850 or 1860. I did find an Isaac in the Census of 1880 for Otter Creek Township, and made a copy of the entry.

According to Bradsby's History of Vigo County, page 358 Isaac Cotteral and Margaret Stewart were married August 29th 1832. And on page 191, Ezekiel Kilgore was listed as having purchased land in 1818 - the NE¼ 25-14-9.

I am enclosing copies of the information I was able to find. Our usual charge is 10¢ per page copied.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

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Local History Division

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Prairie City, Iowa

Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

I am searching for the Confirmed record of the birth of Mary Jane Cattrell who was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on October 5, 1840 to a Mr ____ Cattrell and Sarah Cattrell. Named like name of her parents (Father).

If there is any cost for searching your records please let me know.

Sincerely
Mrs Robert E. Lester
Prairie City, Iowa

p358 Bradsby 1832 A49 29 Isaac Cottrell R#1 50228
+ Margaret Stewart

P.S. Could you also tell me if you have the birth of Francis M. Killgore 1818 Ezekiel Killgore
Born ____ 1845 NE 1/4 35-14-9 Bradsby 191
Parents William and Sarah Killgore.
If any Charge for this please let me know.
Thanks,

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 2, 1974

Mr. Charles R. Cottrell
828 George St.
Valparaiso, Ind. 46383

Dear Mr. Cottrell:

I am enclosing copies of what information I have been able to find about the Cottrell family, including the page from the current city directory. I should think that you might do well to write to one of the older members of the family.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

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Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library 4/26/74
Terre Haute Indiana

Attention: Genealogy Dept.

I am trying to trace my family tree and am wondering if your library would have any information that would help me.

The name I am tracing is Cottrell with various spellings. According to a biographical sketch of Samuel Cottrell, they came to Lake Co. on Christmas Day 1830 from Knox Co. Tenn.

My gr grandfather Isaac Cottrell was living in Vigo Co. near Allendale during the 1820's & 1880's. Joshua Cottrell would have his father.

I would like to obtain there death records & a copy of the obituary, but unfortunately do not have sufficient information to do so.

If you would happen to have any information regarding anyone by that name from Lake or Vigo Co. I would appreciate knowing how to obtain it. Does your library loan books to other libraries within the state?

I would also like to know what newspaper in that area would have had circulation in the Atherton & Rondale area at that time, the earliest date of publication, and where the records would be today.

Sincerely yours

Charles L. Cottrell

828 George St.

Valparaiso, Indiana

HISTORY

OF

Vigo and Parke Counties,

TOGETHER WITH

HISTORIC NOTES ON THE WABASH VALLEY,

GLEANED FROM EARLY AUTHORS, OLD MAPS AND MANUSCRIPTS, PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE, AND OTHER AUTHENTIC, THOUGH, FOR THE MOST PART, OUT-OF-THE-WAY SOURCES.

By H. W. BECKWITH,

OF THE DANVILLE BAR; CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF WISCONSIN AND CHICAGO.

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WITH MAP AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

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CHICAGO:
H. H. HILL AND N. IDDINGS, PUBLISHERS.
1880.

on the Terre Haute and La Fayette state road, about two miles south of Armiesburg.

The first school-house was built in 1834, by Mr. A. McCune, about three-fourths of a mile southeast of Mecca. It was built of logs, with one log left out. Over this aperture was pasted greased paper. This served as a window. For seats they used split logs, flat side up. The backs the children brought with them in the morning, and invariably took them home at night.

Flat-boat building was an industry carried on by some of the early settlers, as well as boating down the river to New Orleans. Among some of the most conspicuous in this business were Mr. A. McCune and Mr. A. D. Brown, they having made many trips down the river. Mr. McCune says he went over thirty-five times to New Orleans.

If any one township in Parke county more than another can boast of her unfinished railroads it is Wabash. In 1873 Mr. Young, of Chicago, started the Indiana Division of the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes railroad. It was graded about half way through the township from the south side, running through the Raccoon bottoms. The truss bridges were also erected. In 1854 the Illinois Central and Indiana Central surveyed a line through the northern part of Wabash township, but never built the road. In 1874 a company formed to build the Springfield road. This line passed over the old survey. On October 15, 1875, the contract was let to Dolby, Lockie & Co. to build and own the road from Montezuma to Indianapolis, via Rockville. The grading was begun in the fall of 1875, and in the winter of 1876 they failed and the road was abandoned. Thus the fond hopes of the Wabash people, as well as those of Rockville, perished, and like the morning dew flitted away, and the prospective railroads, like the canal, are "hopes deferred."

One of the most extensive land owners in this township, if not in Parke county, is Aquilla Laverty. He owns 3,636 acres of land, two of the best business houses, and the best private residence in Montezuma.

ACCIDENTS.

Among the first accidents of the township was the drowning of Mr. Isaac Hunter while assisting a neighbor drive his cattle to the mainland from a rise of ground on the Wabash bottoms during an immense overflow of the river. While swimming his horse through some drift he was washed off, became entangled in the drift, and sank, and was not found till the water abated. A Mr. William Killgore was drowned by being unavoidably run over the dam at

Armiesburg mill, on a raft of lumber. As the raft plunged in the water below the dam he was washed off and drowned. Two young men, names now unknown, were found dead near the Indian encampment. They are supposed to have fallen victims to the bloodthirsty savages. They now lie beneath the hard bed of the wagon road some distance north of Armiesburg. Miss Brant, a girl of about fourteen, went to bathe in Raccoon creek about one mile above Mecca, got into deep water, and, not being able to swim, was drowned. A young man, about a year from that time, came to his death near the same place in the same manner.

It was impossible to find out the date of the organization of the township, or its first trustee. We know that Mr. James T. Brockway is the present trustee.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

William Hixon, deceased, was born near Crab Orchard, Kentucky, October 15, 1801. His parents moved to Vincennes, Indiana, in 1805, and soon after they both died, leaving him and his two sisters, younger than himself, orphans. They were taken in the family of an uncle, a brother of their mother, with whom they lived till William was fourteen years old, when he was apprenticed to a carpenter, with whom he served till twenty-one. He enjoyed no educational advantages, attending school but four days. He, however, spent all his spare time doing odd jobs of any kind to help educate his sisters. During the Indian troubles of 1811 and 1812 he spent most of his time in Fort Ellison, near Vincennes, where all the whites were compelled to shut themselves up for safety. He often told of little incidents that occurred during his stay in the fort, one of which was as follows: He was sent out on horseback a short distance from the fort to look after some cattle, and was surprised by a band of Indians, who immediately gave chase and came very near capturing him before he reached the fort. He often spoke of a conference which took place under a large tree near the fort, between Gen. Harrison and some of the chiefs, during which one of the Indians made a very forcible speech. At the close of his apprenticeship he came to Terre Haute, then a village of only a few houses, and stopped there but a short time, working at his trade, and then came to what is now Wabash township, Parke county, Indiana. In 1823 he married Miss Sarah Ghormley, a daughter of Isaac Ghormley, a miller by trade, who had a short time before come from near Circleville, Ohio, and settled in Wabash township. He had a family consisting of one son, Michael, who in 1840 removed to Wisconsin,

William T. Noel was twice elected sheriff by large majorities, and became exceedingly popular: he was then appointed register of the land office by the president, and removed to Crawfordsville, where he died in 1843, greatly lamented. Meanwhile, Trueman Ford had been succeeded as coroner, in 1825, by James Nesmith, and he in 1827 by Stephen Fleming, who held office contemporary with Sheriff Noel, and was succeeded in 1831 by Samuel H. Johnston. As near as we can make out from the records a considerable body of voters who were for Jackson in 1828 had become anti-Jackson in 1832, or the immigration was overwhelmingly whiggish. Nevertheless, John G. Davis, on account of his personal popularity, was elected sheriff in 1831, and held till March 13, 1833, when he resigned to become county clerk, and the commissioners appointed Austin M. Puett to succeed him. At the same time coroner Johnston resigned, and Charles Nugent was appointed in his stead; but he too resigned before his term expired, and March 16, 1835, Hugh J. Bradley was commissioned in his stead. There appears to have been a perfect epidemic of resignations about this time, and it became almost impossible to find any man who would hold the office of coroner or probate judge. Meanwhile the county offices and nearly all the records were burned; the legislature was appealed to and corrected the evil as far as possible by an act to validate titles and records, but an immense amount of trouble devolved on the officials, and of course the people got out of humor and decided on a change.

The election of 1833 was hotly contested. Austin M. Puett had collected delinquent taxes with a rigor hitherto unknown; had also made considerable money by the rise in county orders and had consequently become unpopular; and William Kilgore, familiarly known as "Old Swonny," was elected by a rousing majority, and commissioned sheriff August 5. He held office four years and was succeeded, August 14, 1837, by Aaron Hart, father of Miles Hart, who was afterward treasurer. Meanwhile Charles Nugent gave place as coroner to William M. Crooks, who was commissioned in 1837, and gave place in 1839 to James J. Robert, who held till 1843 and was succeeded by Hugh S. Comingore. Aaron Hart was re-elected sheriff and held till August 30, 1841, when he was succeeded by Jesse Youmans; and now we have reached the era of men who survive to our time, Youmans being the first in the line of sheriffs who still lives. His administration is memorable, as he was our only sheriff who ever had to inflict the death penalty; and of this a more detailed account will appear under the proper heading. An

error in his accounts involved Mr. Youmans in trouble with the county, and resulted in considerable loss to him; but the people unanimously acquitted him of wrong intent. He remained an honored citizen of Florida township till some years after the war, then went to the new district of northwestern Texas, where, at this writing, he is a highly respected and tolerably prosperous citizen. He was succeeded, August 18, 1845, by Gabriel Houghman, who was re-elected and held till 1849. He still lives in Rockville, in the enjoyment of fair health for a man of eighty-three years, and highly honored among the elders of the land.

James Ward Beadle, a justice of the peace in Liberty township, was nominated by the whigs in 1849, and Capt. Jacob Oldshue, a veteran of the Mexican war, by the democrats; and an exceedingly spirited contest followed. The memories of the war were fresh, and the captain occupied an exceedingly honorable position, while the whigs, though not actively opposing the war as a party, were rather lukewarm on the question; nevertheless their majority in Parke had become too great to be easily overcome and Beadle was elected by a fair majority, and took the office August 25. Meanwhile Randall H. Burks had been elected coroner in 1845, on the same ticket with Gabriel Houghman; but a few months after the office was vacated — the record does not say why — and August 19, 1846, Solomon Pinegar was commissioned coroner. August 22, 1849, Johnson S. White ("Shed") was commissioned coroner, and held till the new constitution changed the term. J. W. Beadle was re-elected sheriff in 1851, but the constitution shortened his second term a little. Early in 1853, he retired to his farm near Rockville, where he lived twenty-six years, taking an active part in public affairs, especially those local to the county, until his last sickness. He was a man of great natural abilities, uneducated in books but of wide and varied experience; so much of his life had been spent among educated men, and he was so constant a reader of the daily papers, that the defects of his early education scarcely appeared in his language or address. A native of Kentucky he left there at an early day, dreading the effects of slavery; and in 1837 located in Liberty township; he died in April, 1879, his record in Parke without a serious blemish and his memory universally respected.

David Kirkpatrick succeeded as sheriff in 1853, and held till August 28, 1857 — two full terms. He was a man of active habits, great geniality and a talent for trade, but in the

in Lincoln county, Kentucky, and here lived until his seventeenth year, when he came to Parke county with his parents in the fall of 1826, and settled on Walker's prairie, where he resided until about two years after his mother's death, which marks the date of his removal to Vermilion county, Indiana, to commence work for M. Patton, with whom he entered into an article of agreement by which the latter was to give Mr. Boatman $200, or enter for him 160 acres of congress land, board and clothe him as one of the family, and at the expiration of the time stated to give him a complete suit of clothing. Mr. Patton died on a returning trip from Clinton to New Orleans, after the two years were up, in 1833, and Mr. Boatman failed to receive his full dues, getting, however, $100, a coat and vest, and a horse worth $40. In the fall of 1833 Mr. Boatman rented the saw and grist mill on the Patton farm, and operated it until September 1, 1834, at which time he moved to his present farm of 160 acres, on Sec. 28, being one solid mass of timber, growing so closely together that to see a deer twenty yards was one of the impossibilities of the times; but by his energy and industry it is now a fine tract of farming land. July 13, 1834, near Patton's mill, he married Anna Mallory, by whom he became the father of one child, Mary, who died in August 1879. His wife died in 1837. Dorthy Leonderman became his second wife in 1841, and he became the father of four more children: Leonard, Henry, Elizabeth, and Elijah, all living. After the death of his second wife he married Susanah Coble, September 28, 1876. They have one child, Samuel, born July 14, 1877. Mr. Boatman joined the Christian church, in Vigo county, about fifty years ago, and has been preaching in the surrounding neighborhood and counties since 1840, and during these forty years there has passed hardly a single Sabbath without his having preached at some point. During these years he has baptized at least 500 souls. He is a democrat, formerly a whig. He is also a natural mechanic.

Levi D. Laney, farmer and minister, Rosedale, was born February 14, 1814, in Lincoln county, Kentucky, near the Crabb Orchard. Joseph DeLaney, his grandfather, came from Ireland over a century ago, and settled in North Carolina. He then removed to Lincoln county, Kentucky, and here resided until his death. James DeLaney (who wrote his name James Laney after he was about thirty-five years of age) was born in North Carolina in 1790, and moved to Kentucky with his parents, with whom he lived until he arrived at the age of twenty-one. From Lincoln county he came to Parke in 1829, arriving here March 20. He first rented land of Mr. Davis, and finally purchased a ¾-section on Sec. 29. In the fall of 1830 he moved into the old house, and here lived until he died, January 3, 1873, with the exception of the

last few years, spent mostly with his son Charles. He married Elizabeth Davis in Kentucky, and became the father of eleven children, five of whom are living. Mr. Laney came to Parke county when he was but sixteen years old, and lived with his parents until the fall prior to the time he was twenty-one, when he began farming on Joseph Walker's place, continuing three years. He then purchased eighty acres on Sec. 19, and after five years sold with the intention of moving to Missouri. After farming for several years in the neighborhood he purchased eighty acres upon the same section, and after operating it five years sold out and rented for a period of six years. He then purchased forty acres of his present farm, and lived here until the spring of 1854. In the fall of the same year he moved to Illinois, and settled in Knox county, where he remained three years, moving to McDonald county in 1857, where he purchased eighty acres, and lived on and improved it ten years. His next purchase was made three miles northwest of where he had lived, and after residing here five years moved to Decatur county, Iowa, and at the expiration of eighteen months he returned to Parke county and settled on Sec. 29, where he has a farm of seventy-eight acres. October 10, 1834, he married Mary Walker. By this union they became the parents of six children, four of whom are living: James W., Emily J., Isaac, Josephine, Josiah C. and Nancy. July 13, 1847, after the death of his first wife, he married Amanda M. Cox, and became the father of eight children, five of whom are living: Mary A., Charlotte, Harriet, Charles N., Uphania, Cordelia, Isaac H. and William H. After the death of his second wife he married Mary Allen, July 5, 1862. They are the parents of two children: George L. and Andrew J. Mrs. Laney is also raising an orphan child, Amanda E. Boatman. Mr. Laney has been a member of the Methodist church for forty-seven years, and a local preacher for twenty-one. He is now doing good work at Pleasant Plains, Lake school-house, and Pleasant Hill. His wife is also a member. In an early day he was elected sheriff of Parke county, and served four years. In political faith he is a democrat, casting his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison in 1840.

Samuel L. Cottrell, farmer and stock raiser, Atherton, Vigo county, Indiana, was born April 1, 1826, on a farm in Knox county, Tennessee, and came to Parke county when but four years of age with his parents, with whom he lived until his twenty-second year, and afterward commenced farming for himself on the farm upon which he now lives, in Sec. 31. His father, Joshua Cottrell, came to this county from near Knoxville, Knox county, Tennessee, Christmas day, 1830, with his father, John Cottrell, and his brothers, Thomas, Lindsey, John Jr., James W., and Emerson. Joshua Cottrell

Parke county by renting land of David Lyons, being a portion of the place now occupied by Mrs. Modesitt. Here he erected a log cabin, and here lived for nearly a quarter of a century, when he finally moved to the farm now owned by Samuel Cottrell, which he purchased in 1842, and built the first cabin upon the place in the southeast corner of the farm. He was married in Tennessee to Elizabeth Chesser, and was the father of nine children, three of whom are now living. Mr. Cottrell's mother, a lady about eighty years of age, is still living, making her home with her son Isaac, who lives in Vigo county. Samuel Cottrell was married in Florida township November 26, 1848, to Miss Susannah Cox, and has become the father of twelve children, ten of whom are living upon the home farm in Florida. The children's names are: Joseph, Joshua, Sarah A., William H., Mary J., Isaac M., George W., Marilda, John A., Elizabeth A. and Harriet E. He is a member of the Christian church, as is also his wife. He has been a deacon in the church, and now holds the office of elder. He is a democrat, casting his first presidential vote for Taylor in 1848. His farm contains 373 acres, and has been kept under a fine state of cultivation by this observing and energetic farmer.

Silas Taylor, farmer and stock raiser, Clinton Locks, was born in Wabash township, about three miles north of the place upon which he now lives, November 28, 1830. His father, James T. Taylor, came to this country from Ireland, and to Parke county, Wabash township, in 1823, from Ohio, where he had followed farming since his arrival. Here Mr. Taylor lived until his death, in April 1850. Mr. Taylor's mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in November 1839. Mr. Taylor worked by the month on a farm and at home until his twenty-fourth year, after which time he was engaged upon the canal two summers. In 1857 he commenced farming for himself, having rented, until in August 1864, when he purchased his present farm of 169 acres in Sec. 12, R. 9 W. He was married January 6, 1857, to Lucinda Davis, in Florida township, and in his present home. By this union they became the parents of five children, four of whom are living at home. Harrison H. Lincoln died in August 1860, when but nine months old; James, Edward, and Sarah I. His wife died April 7, 1880, while they were traveling in the west for her health, and was buried in Columbus, Kansas. He is an earnest republican, casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. Mr. Taylor is one of the oldest native-born citizens of southwestern Parke, and has ever been known and respected as an honest, conscientious man.

John W. Johnson, farmer, Roseville, one of the oldest and most

energetic of Florida's citizens, was born January 2, 1825, on Flat Rock, in Bartholomew county, Indiana. In the spring, however, Mr. Johnson accompanied his parents to Ft. Harrison prairie, where his father settled a little way southeast of Terre Haute, and died in the fall of 1827. At the age of five years Mr. Johnson came with his mother to Parke county, who settled on Sec. 16, being the place now owned by Mr. Challis. Here Mr. Johnson lived with his mother until his twelfth year, when he commenced living with his uncle, Sylvester Sibley. At eighteen he commenced learning the wagon and carriage maker's trade near Roseville, and in 1849 purchased the shop situated on the cross-roads going from Depuy's mill to Clinton Locks. Here he worked about fifteen years, when he commenced life as a farmer, purchasing the Hector Smith estate and moving on Yankee street in March 1877. In 1879 Mr. Johnson erected one of the finest finished houses in the neighborhood. He was married May 27, 1849, in Florida township, to Amanda Smith, and became the father of six children, two of whom are living: Dora A., Louisa M., Mary A., Oliver C., Laura B., Charles H. After the death of his wife Mr. Johnson married a second time, March 4, 1880, Flora E. Rogers, of Rockville, daughter of a prominent old settler and ex county commissioner. He is a republican, formerly a whig, casting his first presidential vote for Z. Taylor in 1848. By energy and economy, which have always been prominent factors in Mr. Johnson's character, he owns a well improved farm of 440 acres, which he oversees, having retired from active farming.

Jonathan Cox, farmer and stock raiser, Rosedale, was born July 28, 1820, near Winchester, Ohio, not far from the mouth of Mad river. At the age of three he came to Warren county with his parents, and here lived until he came to Parke county. After his arrival he lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he commenced farming for himself. In 1843 he settled on Sec. 29, his present home, and has since resided here, having moved three times, but never leaving the section. He first purchased 40 acres, and has since added, until he finally accumulated a farm of 366 acres, all in Sec. 29, save 4 acres in Sec. 32. July 4, 1843, he married Sarah Kilburn, daughter of Hiram Kilburn, one of the township's earliest settlers. By this union he became the father of three children, two of whom are living: Hiram, Joseph and William. His wife died November 13, 1852. August 12, 1856, he was married to Nancy Busey, in Champaign city, Illinois, daughter of Jacob Busey, a prominent farmer of Champaign county. They became the parents of one child, Sarah Elizabeth, who is now living with her grandmother. His wife died August 12, 1858, and is buried in the Boatman